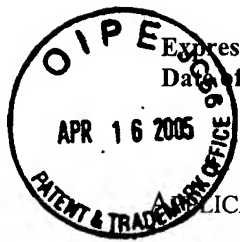


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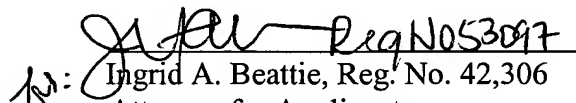
Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to Office Action (10 pages);
2. Declaration of Prior Invention Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 (4 pages: 2 parts, 2 pages each);
3. Exhibits A through D (47 pages)
4. Petition for Extension of Time (1 page in duplicate);
5. Check No. 20398 in the amount of \$510.00; and
6. Return postcard.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with this submission; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21486-027DIV. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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